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SUBJECT: GOG EFFORT TO PORTRAY COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AS CON-
FRONTATION

1. ON BASIS OF PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS REACHING GUYANA AND
LOCAL PUBLICITY, IT APPEARS GOG IS MAKING EFFORT TO PORTRAY COMMON-
WEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA AS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, LED BY GUYANA, AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, REPRESENTED BY
U.K. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM FOR JAMAICA,
HIS COMMENTS AND THOSE OF OTHERS ALREADY REFLECTED VIEW THAT COMMON-
WEALTH MEETING WOULD BE "MADE

AGAINST THEIR SIDE". NOW THAT
CONFERENCE HAS BEGUN, THIS THEME IS EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED.

2. ATTENTION IN LOCAL MEDIA HAS NATURALLY FOCUSED ON ADDRESS OF
PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM AT MAY 1 SESSION. DAILY CHRONICLE OF MAY 1
ANTICIPATED BURNHAM SPEECH WITH HEADLINE QUOTE PM IN SUMMIT FIREWORKS
TODAY UNQUOTE. MAY 2 CHRONICLE WITH REPORT OF SPEECH CARRIED
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HEADLINE QUOTE PM FLAYS WILSON IN FIERY DEBATE UNQUOTE. A RADIO

REPORTS FROM GUYANA BROADCASTING SYSTEM GENERAL MANEGER RON SAUNDERS, WHO IS IN KINGSTON, GIVE SIMILAR PICTURE OF DRAMATIC CONFRONTATION.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON EMBASSYS READING OF BURNHAM SPEECH AS REPORTED IN CHRONICLE, IT WOULD APPEAR CONTENT OF SPEECH WAS NOT RPT NOT AS RADICAL AS HEADLINES SUGGEST. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE SHARES SAME VIEW. FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION THEN, GOG SEEMS TO BE INTENT ON BENDING REALITY OF SITUATION TO FIT IMAGE OF GUYANA AS LEADER IN IMPORTANT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WE WOULD BE CURIOUS TO KNOW FROM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON WHAT WAS RACION TO BURNHAM SPEECH FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS.
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